

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10461–S10527*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1774–1778, S.J. Res. 25–26, and S. Res. 252–253. **Pages S10513–14**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 572, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 939, to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise certain authority provided under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1700, to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1736, to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

S. 1738, to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent objective audits and investigations relating to the Federal programs for Hurricane Katrina recovery, with amendments.

S. 1777, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. **Page S10513**

#### Measures Passed:

**Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the “Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building,” clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10480**

**Karl Malden Station:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3667, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Karl Malden Station,” and the

bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10480**

**Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act:** Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3200, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10480**

Isakson (for Craig) Amendment No. 1872, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10480**

**Water Resources Research Act Amendments:** Senate passed S. 1017, to reauthorize grants for the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S10481**

**Gulf Coast Emergency Water Infrastructure Assistance Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1709, to provide favorable treatment for certain projects in response to Hurricane Katrina, with respect to revolving loans under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment: **Page S10481**

Isakson (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1873, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10481**

**Student Financial Assistance Waiver Extension:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2132, to extend the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10520**

**Breast Cancer Research Stamp Extension:** Senate passed S. 37, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years. **Page S10520**

**Roberts Nomination:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States. **Pages S10461–80, S10481–S10508, S10526–27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

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**National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2107, to amend Public Law 104–329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, and the bill was then referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10521.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROCESSES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held a hearing to examine needed improvements to defense acquisition processes and organizations, receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Acting Deputy Secretary, Kenneth J. Krieg, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Defense Acquisition Performance Assessment Project, all of the Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned

mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas D. Shope, Chief of Staff, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Evan J. Green, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; Steve Hohmann, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Frankfort, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission; Joe Shirley, Jr., The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Andrew McElwaine, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Land Campaign; Charles Gauvin, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Daniel J. Kane, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; and Lorraine Lewis, UMW Health and Retirement Funds, and David Finkenbinder, National Mining Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### U.S. ENERGY SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine energy supplies in Eurasia and implications for U.S. energy security, including the region's potential to uncover additional reserves and expand production in coming years with the participation of U.S. energy companies, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions and Commodities; Karen Harbert, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Alastair Ferguson, TNK–BP, Moscow, Russia; J. Robinson West, PFC Energy, and Zeyno Baran, The Nixon Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael T. Klare, Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts.

### ALTERNATIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine assessing progress in the Federal government regarding alternative personnel systems, focusing on systems to learn where personnel systems have been successfully employed and what steps have been taken in their development to ensure effective implementation and